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SUBJ: JUNE 12 DEMONSTRATION AT SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

1. SUMMARY. ON JUNE 12 APPROXIMATELY 1,000 - 2,000 STUDENTS
STAGED FOUR HOUR ANTI-GOVERMENT DEMONSTRATION AT SNU MAIN CAMPUS.
APPROXIMATELY 30 STUDENTS WERE APPREHENDED. AS OF AFTERNOON
JUNE 13, CAMPUS CALM AND CLASSES BEING CONDUCTED AS NORMAL.

2. TWO EYE WITNESS OBSERVERS PROVIDED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT
OF DEMONSTRATION: AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 PM A STUDENT
BEGAN TO READ A PREPARED STATEMENT BY LOUD SPEAKER FROM THE
LEDGE OF THE STUDENT UNION. APPROXIMATELY 1,000 - 2,000 STUDENTS
WERE PRESENT IN CAMPUS QUADRANGLE AND THREW ROCKS AT POLICE.
POLICE RESPONDED WITH "HUNDREDS" OF TEAR GAS CANISTERS. ONE OBSERVER
REPORTS POLICE EVEN FIRED TEAR GAS INTO UNIVERSITY BUILDING.
ANOTHER OBSERVER SAID POLICE APPEARED TO CHASE AND DISPERSE
RATHER THAN ACTIVELY TRYING TO APPREHEND THE STUDENTS.

2. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY DEMANDED REPEAL OF YUSIN
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CONSTITUTION, RESIGNATION OF ROK PRESIDENT, AND SUPPORT
FOR WORKERS IN LABOR DISPUTE (NOTE: THIS PROBABLY
REFERS TO TONGIL LABOR CASE WHICH HAS RECENTLY BECOME
CONCERN OF SOME STUDENTS). NEW STUDENT DEMAND WAS RAISED
OVER TOKTO TAKESHIMA. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY FEEL ROKG
IS CAPITULATING TO JAPANESE CLAIM ON DISPUTED ISLAND
IN RETURN FOR PASSAGE OF CONTINENTAL SHELF LEGISLATION.

STUDENTS DEMANDED FULL EXPLANATION BY ROKG.

3. ANOTHER SNU SOURCE ADVISES THAT FOUR SENIORS IN KOREAN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAD ORGANIZED AND LED DEMONSTRATION, (REPORTED TO UNIVERSITY 20 MINUTES EARLIER BY WIRE SERVICE REPORTER) POLICE HAD ARRESTED ONE OF THEM AND DETAINED SOME 30 OTHER DEMONSTRATORS BUT THREE OF THE FOUR LEADERS HAD APPARENTLY ESCAPED. SOURCE KNEW OF NO SERIOUS INJURIES BUT SAID MANY WINDOWS BROKEN INCLUDING SOME IN OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT. ONE OTHER SOURCE HOWEVER REPORTS RUMOR ONE STUDENT KILLED. WE ARE CHECKING.
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